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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON URBAN DEVELOPMENT/ENVIRONEMENT

REF: STATE 41469; TELCON BUTCHER/DICKENS

1. CONTACT WITH UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA AND UNIVERSIDAD SIMON BOLIVAR POSITIVE, HAVE INDICATED KEEN INTEREST PARTICIPATE GROUP I AND WILLINGNESS PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ITS CANDIDATES.

2. DRA. MERCEDES FERMIN, DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA, HAS DEGREE FROM CLARK UNIVERSITY, SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, A DYNAMIC PERSONALITY. DURING LAST SESSION OF VENEZUELAN CONGRESS SHE SERVED AS A SENATOR WITH A SEAT ON THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE. SHE IS EXPECTED TO EXERT CONTINUING INFLUENCE IN PLANNING PROJECTS DEALING WITH URBAN PROBLEMS AND EDUCATION AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT. THE INSTITUTE SHE DIRECTS IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN RESEARCH PROJECTS IN URBAN GEOGRAPHY, POPULATION DISTRIBUTION, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND CLASSIFICATION. TWO U.S. PROFESSORS OF GEOGRAPHY (ANDERSON AND EDER) ARE ASSIGNED THIS INSTITUTE IN RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROJECTS AND WILL ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF APPLIED GEOGRAPHY. CLEARANCE WAS FORWARDED FOR DR. FERMIN AS ONE OF THE NOMINEES FOR THE HIGHER EDUCATION SEMINAR (CARACAS A-493).

3. NOMINATION FROM SIMON BOLIVAR UNIVERSITY EXPECTED TODAY. PERSONS MENTIONED TELCON UNAVAILABLE.

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4. RE GROUP II POST ANTICIPATES NEW ADMINISTRATION WILL HAVE TWO CANDIDATES.

5. PLS CONFIRM FERMIN ACCEPTANCE; SINCE UNIVERSITY PROVIDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, OTHER FISCAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE PROVIDED UPON ARRIVAL BALTIMORE.
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